

PROJECT STATUS REPORT					REPORTING PERIOD August 1953	
1. CRYPTONYM		2. DIVISION OR BRANCH		3. COUNTRY		4. DATE ORIGINALLY APPROVED
a. Program	b. Project			Target	Base	a. Program b. Project
	BOPIEND	SE/1		Albania		22 June 1948
5. NAME OF CASE OFFICER			ROOM NO.	EXTENSION	SIGNATURE OF CASE OFFICER	
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6. TYPE OF PROJECT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JFI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUPPORT						
7. STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPERATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> LIQUIDATING						
8. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED		O/S	U.S.	9. FY ALLOTMENT TO DATE		10. FY OBLIGATIONS TO DATE
U.S. -----		22	1			
FOREIGN NAT'L -----		61	2			Estimated:
TOTAL		85	3			
11. Summary						
<u>Mission and Plan</u>						
<p>Utilization of all available covert assets to exploit the resistance potential in Albania, undermine the Soviet power complex, develop a covert offensive in support of U. S. policy aims in the Balkans, and when feasible, support a coup d'etat to replace the Communist regime with one acceptable to the West.</p>						
<u>Summary</u>						
<u>Paramilitary</u>						
<p>1. The debriefing of Willow team, which exfiltrated on 26 July, reveals that either the Orange-Plus or Apple/3 group may have killed in an ambush in the area of Rosel and Nikelice in southern Albania. The area and date of action coincide with the last position report from Apple/3, but the description of the ambushed team also fits Orange-Plus.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(FI)</p> <p>2. The two-man Throttler team was successfully infiltrated into Albania on the night of 9 August, returning o/a 30 August.</p> <p>3. The five-man Fig team was infiltrated on 16 August. It was ambushed two hours later, but the team escaped and exfiltrated successfully. It will be reinfilitrated in the next moon period.</p> <p>4. On 25 August, token arms and 250 lbs. of supplies were dropped to an alleged resistance leader who had been alerted by flare during the leaflet drop of 22 August. No reception or acknowledgment signal was visible.</p>						
<u>Political-Psychological</u>						
<p>1. The British dropped HCYA leaflets on the night of 3 August. The flight plan is unknown, although the Yugoslav radio reports that some leaflets dropped on Bar and Ulcinj in Yugoslavia.</p> <p>2. On the night of 22 August 400 lbs. of leaflets, the digest of <u>Shqipëria</u>, containing a defection message and news, were air-dropped over Albania.</p>						
<p>DOWN GRADE PER</p> <p>CLASSIFICATION REVIEW DIVISION</p> <p>FOR DDO JAN. 1980</p>						
<p>* Interim SE Division Allotment to 31 August - \$761,060</p>						

3. The clandestine radio, Voice of Free Albania, maintained a regular schedule during the month of August. All transmissions have been heavily jammed since 26 August, probably as a result of broadcasting defection appeals to a selected target group within the regime.

4. The semi-monthly newspaper Shqipëria was printed on schedule. The first issue of the digest version was printed in Germany for air-drop and mailing.

5. The Albanian News Bulletin, printed in Rome in English, French, and Italian, published its 20th issue of 23 July.

6. BQFIEND, Rome, was contacted by the representatives of the leaders of an alleged resistance net of 35,000 persons in Albania. This net reportedly has been collaborating with the Yugoslavs on the assumption that the Yugoslavs were backed by the Americans. The leader is said to have decided to attempt direct liaison with the Americans after becoming suspicious of Yugoslav intentions. BQFIEND is attempting to contact the leader directly.